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Quarantine for Polio Is Lifted In County

Ban Still on Public Gatherings
There is still no case of polio in Yancey county. The quarantine for children has been lifted, except for their attending public gatherings.

Avery County's fifth case of polio developed last week and the patient was taken to the Asheville Orthopedic Home. She is 9 year old Judy Ollis, of Altamont. Her condition, like that of the other Avery patients at the Asheville Orthopedic Home, is reported as "good." This makes three cases which have developed within a few days of each other in the southern end of the county, but all in different communities.

Effective today (Thursday, August 12) the quarantine on children under 16 in Yancey county is officially lifted. All merchants and other persons on whose property the quarantine placards have been posted are authorized and requested to remove these placards.

The District Health officer appreciates the spirit of co-operation shown by all concerned in observing this period of quarantine. It is realized that the quarantine has caused inconvenience to a great many people, and financial loss to many others; but it is felt that if these measures have kept even one child from contracting infantile paralysis, they have been well worth while.

At present, there is only one other county in the state, west of the coastal plains, which has had no polio this year. There is reason for hoping that it is now on the decline throughout the state, however. Parents are still advised to take the usual precautions in order to lessen the chances of polio being contracted by their children—namely, avoidance of chilling and fatigue, washing the hands with soap and water before each meal, and staying away from parts of the state where there is a high incidence of polio (such as

Buncombe county, and most of the Piedmont counties). Children should not be allowed to go swimming in very cold water, or wading in streams of any kind. Of course the number of flies about the home should be reduced in every way possible — by screening all doors and windows, using DDT spray, swatting all flies which remain indoors after the above measures, and (last but not least) seeing to it that no breeding-places for flies remain. To this end, all garbage should be kept covered, and disposed of as soon as possible.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT NEWS

Dr. Roy Norton, the new State Health officer, visited the Spruce Pine office of the district health department last week. Other recent visitors to this district have been Caviness, sanitary engineer for the State Board of Health, and Mr. Broadway, sanitarian from the Asheville regional office.

Dawson Briggs of Burnsville has been elected a member of the District Board of Health. He succeeds R. A. Glenn who has moved away from this district.

Mrs. H. P. Guffey, R. N., midwife supervisor for the State Board of Health, spent several days in the Avery, Mitchell, Yancey district recently, conferring with the local health department staff and with

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Concert Will Be Given

Evening of Song Is Planned
An invitation has been extended to citizens of the entire county to attend an evening of song by the choral group of the School of Fine Arts. The concert marks the close of the four weeks music classes, and will be given in the Burnsville Playhouse at 8 o'clock on Saturday evening, August 14.

Soloists for the concert will include W. C. DeVeny, director of the chorus and head of the voice department of Woman's College, Miss Clara Plonk of the Plonk School, Asheville, Miss Doris Hunter and John English. Mrs. DeVeny is accompanist.

The chorus of approximately 40 local people has been hard at work under

Notice To Veterans

Any veterans or non veterans who are interested in enrolling in either the first or second year at the Burnsville College Center are asked to notify the superintendent's office immediately. This is very urgent as the number is still inadequate to offer the two year course.

W. KERR SCOTT AT-TENDS ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

Kerr Scott, Democratic nominee for governor, was guest speaker at the annual dinner meeting Friday night of the Burnsville school of fine arts and the extension division here of the Woman's College of the University. Mr. Scott pledged himself to a program of development for all North Carolina and stated that he wished to see rural sections of the state more fully represented in state government. He expressed his interest in the summer program in Burnsville which is now rounding out its second season.

Also speaking at the dinner was Dr. W. C. Jackson, chancellor of Woman's College. He reviewed the work of the extension program here and outlined plans for the continued development.

The dinner was attended by approximately 160 persons. Later Mr. Scott and Dr. Jackson were among 350 persons who attended the production, "Years Ago" at the Playhouse.

Both were introduced at the theatre by W. R. Taylor, director of the playhouse and head of the dra-

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Extension Classes

"Art in the Elementary Grades" will be taught for the next two weeks in the extension classes by Mrs. Callie Braswell of the Greensboro schools. This will be the concluding course offered here by the extension division of Woman's College.

Baptist Church

At the morning service the pastor's subject will be "The Lips of Truth". At the evening service the subject will be "The Ruined Vineyard."

Next Playhouse Production Is Now In Rehearsal

Rush Wray is Guest Director

Rush T. Wray of Burnsville, steps into the role of director for the next production of the Burnsville Playhouse, "I Remember Mama", the heart-warming New York comedy success which the players will offer on August 19, 20 and 21.

Wray, who is vice-president of the Playhouse board of directors, sparked the movement which brought the organization into being and has been one of the key men in promoting the growth of the group. Last summer, in the first season of the Playhouse, he took time out from his varied and demanding duties at the Nu Wray Inn to step behind the footlights as an actor, a position in which he is quite at home, but "I Remember Mama" marks his first effort as a director with this company.

He once operated his own little theatre here and he has had wide experience on both sides of the footlights at Curry School, Boston, The Plonk School, Asheville and the Artillery Lane Playhouse, St. Augustine, Fla.

Mr. DeVeny's direction since July 19th. Rehearsals have been held in the First Baptist church which was generously donated for their use by the members.

Methodist Church

Because services at the Presbyterian church have been disrupted by the building program now under way, the congregation will meet with the Methodists at the Methodist church on Sunday morning. Dr. Harris will conduct the services in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Paul Taylor, who is conducting a series of meetings this week in

Jack Patton was called to Bassett, Va., last week on account of the death of his cousin, Jason Latt Gibbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Gibbs of Bassett.

Jacks Creek Highway Is Now Being Surfaced

Work Progressing Rapidly

Work is progressing rapidly on surfacing the Jacks Creek highway to Green Mountain, according to highway construction officials. The grading is almost complete and rock is being placed on the highway at this time.

Cooperation Asked

It is the plan to rush the work as rapidly as possible so that the surfacing may be completed before cold weather makes it impossible to continue. One circumstance that is delaying construction is the continued heavy use of the highway while the work goes on.

The road has not been closed to necessary local travel, but detour signs have been placed, rerouting all traffic possible over the new Green Mountain highway No. 197.

If the citizens of the county will use this substitute route as much as possible, traveling the highway under construction only

when necessary, it will be of the greatest aid in rushing the work to completion, the highway supervisors state. Therefore they are asking the cooperation of residents of the Jacks Creek section, and all others who may travel through the section, to limit their travel over the highway as much as possible.

When motor vehicles travel over the highway it is often necessary, they said, to move grading and other heavy equipment on the roadbed, thus causing much delay in their work. Every opportunity to work without interruption will speed construction, they added.

Surfacing the Jacks Creek highway will be one of the major road improvements for the county, as it has been in an unsatisfactory condition for years, but carried some of the heaviest travel of any road in the county.

The contract for construction calls for 12 miles of blacktop surfacing, 12 feet wide.

Committee Meeting

Yancey County Farmers Home Administration committee members attended a district meeting held in Sylva on Tuesday, August 10th. Members attending were Robert C. Deyton of Green Mtn., and C. Rex McIntosh of Bee Log, N. C. R. O. Riddle was unable to attend due to illness.

Others attending the meeting from Yancey county were Naomi L. King, County office clerk and Mack B. Ray, county FHA supervisor.

Paul Laughrun, state field representative, conducted the meeting. He was assisted by J. B. Slack, state director; A. E. Ropar, chief Production Loan Operations; H. B. Riggle, Production Loan officer; and Vance E. Swift, Chief, farm ownership operations, of North Carolina.

Applications are now being processed for 48 and 49 loans.

ATTEND PMA MEETING

W. M. Hensley, chairman of the Yancey county PMA committee and J. B. Briggs secretary of the county committee, attended a meeting on August 6th at Waynesville where representatives of a number of county associations discussed with the PMA fieldman the plans for the 1949 Agricultural Conservation Program.

Congress has authorized the development of the program for next year on the basis of a considerable increase in the appropriation over the funds available for the 1948 program. The amount which can be paid to farmers in this county for carrying out practices in 1949 will be about the same as the funds available in 1947.

In the meeting, practices which are included in the 1949 State Handbook were reviewed and discussed. The Yancey county committee will now decide which practices are most necessary in this county to assist farmers in restoring and conserving soil fertility. These practices will then be included in the Yancey county handbook which is to be prepared and submitted to the State committee for approval by August 25. The 23 practices which are included in the State Handbook for 1949 include several new ones which have not been included previously and which will receive serious consideration of the County Committee.

Wade Hensley who is now employed in Detroit, Mich., is spending a two weeks vacation with his father, H. G. Hensley of Bee Log.

ATTEND

THE CHORAL GROUP CONCERT

AT THE

BURNSVILLE PLAYHOUSE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 8 P. M.

No Admission Charge